

## TO PUSH PROJECT FOR PRISON FARM

Rev. Sidney Love's Plea Meets Response at Sunday Mass Meeting.

Members of the Ministerial alliance at El Paso, accompanied by Rev. Sidney Love, secretary of the Texas Prisoners' Children Aid society, will appear before the county commissioners at the board's next meeting for the purpose of presenting a petition for the establishment of a prison farm in El Paso county, where prisoners with long term sentences could be sent to work out their respective terms.

Rev. Mr. Love spoke before approximately 200 men at a mass meeting Sunday afternoon at the First Christian church, and his project for establishing the farm, which he stated would result in a saving of \$25,000 annually for the county, besides being of benefit to the prisoners' health and morals. Rights are in the lower valley would be sufficient for the establishment of the farm, according to Rev. Mr. Love, and any number of prisoners could be placed there to work out their sentences.

**Prison Farms Successful.**  
"It is a well known fact that the agricultural products of prison farms over the country have carried off first prizes," said Rev. Mr. Love. "There are at present about 18 counties in the south that have established prison farms, and they have been a wonderful success. It means the lifting of the prison door lever, and the making over of the prisoner who has been sentenced."

Rev. Mr. Love stated that vegetables and other necessary products could be raised on the farm and sold for the cost of production to persons who were not able to pay more. In this manner the farm would materially aid in reducing the high cost of living, and would be a permanent benefit to the community.

**Audience Favors Project.**  
Following the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Love's speech, he asked all persons in favor of the establishment of a county prisoners' farm to stand. Everyone in the church arose promptly and remained so for a minute. They were thanked by the speaker, who then asked Rev. Perry J. Love to dismiss the congregation with prayer.

**"Redlight District" Crime Cause.**  
Rev. Mr. Love characterized the "redlight" district as a cause of crime, and said it was against the law. He urged citizens to go about the matter of eliminating the district from a legal standpoint, and not to stir up any publicity about it. The inhabitants of the place are not to blame, but the citizens could go about it in a legal way and abolish it," said secretary Love.

**Police Chief's Old Plan.**  
Chief of police R. J. Zahriske several months ago said he was in favor of the establishment of a farm where city prisoners could be sent to serve out their terms, as he believed that in the end it would prove a great saving to the city.

## TULLY GETS HIS ROAD LAWS PASSED, IS CONGRATULATED

State senator J. V. Tully, of El Paso, N. M., was in El Paso Sunday, on his way home from Santa Fe. During the 40 days' session of the New Mexico legislature which ended Saturday, senator Tully had drafted and passed what his friends regard as the best set of road laws possessed by any state, and as that was the only election promise he made, senator Tully is going home well satisfied. While here he received a telegram of congratulation from state senator E. C. Crampton, of Raton, N. M.

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## 15,000 CITIZENS ORGANIZE AS POLICE RESERVE FOR NEW YORK



### Millionaires and Day Laborers to Assist in Keeping Order in Case of War.

**NEW YORK, March 12.**—Fifteen thousand New Yorkers are organized and drilling today in a Home Defense league. They will reinforce the 11,000 regular police in the event of war with Germany and resultant disorders. They will take the place of the bluecoats, should the force (most members of which have had regular military training) be sent to emergency duty on a fighting front.

It is learned here that other cities are preparing to follow New York's example. There may be a string of defense leagues across the country sworn to keep order in all cities.

**Is Old Idea Revived.**  
This is not exactly a new idea—it is rather the use of a very old idea. Volunteer police forces have been common in our history. There were many at the time of the civil war, when ordinary police authority was sometimes insufficient to cope with the problems presented.

But it is safe to say that the new New York force is conducting operations on the largest scale ever witnessed. The organization is due principally to young Arthur Woods, the least police commissioner this town has ever been blessed with. In direct charge of the defense league under Mr. Woods is Henry J. Cost, secretary to the commissioner and executive head of the civilian body.

In three minor emergencies the defense league has been partially mobilized and has responded satisfactorily. The first was on a request for volunteers to get recruits for the Red Cross; the second, when street accidents became alarmingly prevalent in a certain section of the big city; the third, when

THIS photograph, taken in front of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, shows one of the duties which New York's force of 15,000 volunteer policemen would take over in an emergency from the regular bluecoats. Hundreds of policemen must be constantly on duty in the day time directing the vast traffic in the streets of the metropolis. Fifth avenue is one of the most troublesome arteries of traffic to regulate and the unskilled man who tackles it finds his hands full.

it was necessary for the police to have assistance in establishing a sanitary patrol at the time of the infantile paralysis epidemic.

But the big emergency, the leading spirits in the league say, is still to come. This crisis will be either war or a great catastrophe like the San Francisco earthquake or the Chicago fire.

**No Severe Discipline.**  
The organization of the league is exceedingly democratic and elastic. There is no severe discipline. Members organize their own companies under a precinct police commander. There may be as many of these companies in one precinct as is found desirable. Each company may decide how far it shall go—whether it shall have a large amount of drill or instruction or a less severe course, whether its members shall wear the uniform, and like questions.

The uniform was adopted at the request of the members of the league and costs \$7 to \$8 summer weight. It is distinctly a police and not a military uniform.

The uniform resembles that of the federal forest rangers. The material is khaki, the color between a brown and a green and the cut that of the army field service uniform. Canvas leggings, police buttons, a campaign hat and flannel shirt complete the outfit.

Members differ vastly in their ability to buy this uniform and contribute to other purposes of the league. There are millionaires and bricklayers side by side in some of the companies.

**Has 15,000 Enrolled Already.**  
If too many members of a company drop out it is dissolved and the remnants are invited to join other organizations. New companies may be formed at any time. There are about 15,000 active members now, and if trouble came it is safe to say the figures would jump overnight to the 22,000 maximum which has been set for the league enrollment.

A fine class of men has been enlisted in the league. Among them are many who have seen duty in the army or navy, militia or naval reserve. There are also men who have had experience on the plains, as woodsmen, railroad men, bushwhackers and footmen, while many are in charge of big business and are used to handling large executive problems and directing large bodies of subordinates.

There are owners of high-powered motor boats, yachtsmen and men who can build anything from a pump to an airplane in the league's list.

The first company was organized in the Brownsville district of Brooklyn and consisted largely of those who had been born under other flags and were in this way to show their gratitude and loyalty to the country they have adopted.

**On Military Basis.**  
Within a company organization is on a military basis. Each company has a captain, two lieutenants and sergeants and corporals in proportion to the number of men.

The commissioner has planned to give each member who has a certain number of drills to his credit an engraved certificate of membership in the league and a collar decoration which may also be worn in the buttonhole of his citizen clothes. Some time soon it is expected that a monthly publication will be started and printed by the members of the league.

Drills are held in schoolhouses, national guard armories and are offered for the purpose and when the weather is good in streets, plazas and parks. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the United States army, has assigned an army officer to assist in instructing the league's drills.

In the downtown business district of Manhattan agreements have been made with large employers of men to give their employees a certain amount of

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## WORKERS FOR 1918 CONVENTION LEAVE FOR FT. WORTH SUNDAY

Proceeding by El Paso men who are seeking to have the Texas Cattle Raisers Association at Fort Worth designate this city for the 1918 convention, from Hotel Sheldon to the union station Sunday morning and left the city at 10 o'clock for Fort Worth over the Texas & Pacific railway.

The excursionists were due to reach Fort Worth Monday morning. They will make a tour of the city, visit the Brook hotel, where secretary George H. Clements will meet them.

## FUNERAL OF AMBASSADOR GETTIE TO BE IMPRESSIVE

Tokio, Japan, March 12.—The body of George V. Gettie, American ambassador to Japan, who died last week, is lying in state at the American embassy. The funeral will be held tomorrow with high official honors at the Imperial cathedral. The body will then be taken to Yokohama on a special train, leaving public American naval hospital pending its transport to the United States.

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